

Stahmer has concluded reluctantly that some portions of the appropriations bill are likely to be vetoed and those are capital construction portions of the bill and Senator Stahmer has concluded further that one thing we ought to do, and I totally concur with his conclusion, is to provide the university system a contingency allowance which would enable it to use some of the monies for operating budgets, and so what the amendment does is it just says this. It takes three capital construction items, to wit: The renovation of Bessey Hall, the purchase of a Hatie B. Monroe home in Omaha, a facility in Omaha, and the acquisition of land at UNO of \$400,000, and it appropriates money to those capital construction items which is what our present bill does but it does say that the Board of Regents itself shall have the discretion to take this money and utilize it for in effect a contingency budget, such operating budget expenditures that the Board of Regents concludes the university system does need, and what that would mean is this. In the event one or more of these items were vetoed, and in the event that the contingency budget is not vetoed, which it might not be, and why might it not be, because the Governor himself recommended it in his own budget message that there be a contingency budget for the University of Nebraska, then the monies would be available to be used as our Board of Regents saw fit. Now the number of needs particularly at the UNO campus that have just not been met, such as, the acquisition of new laboratory equipment, the development of new science equipment, and the like, and this money could well be put to that use if that be the ultimate wisdom of our Board of Regents. Now what this amendment is designed to do, very simply, is to make certain that we do have some monies available for flexibility purposes in the event that capital construction items are vetoed and that is all this would do. It appropriates no new dollars, no additional dollars. It doesn't change the budget except it does provide some discretion to the Board of Regents. Actually I move the return of the bill from Final Reading to Select File for the purpose of this specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to oppose the amendment and my observation would be this. If you add a \$1,072,000 to optional, for operations, and I stand to be corrected but under the Constitution the Governor can only veto down to the level of appropriation he initially recommended, and it would be my assumption that if you add the potential of another million to operations, in essence what you are doing is adding another million to the potential